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Subject: Understanding Children in Poverty Follow-up Training

The Office of Federal Programs has decided to continue with the theme "Understanding Children in Poverty" for the 2003-04 school year. This office has set a goal of having every person who was certified as a trainer for A Framework for Understanding Poverty in April 2003 receive four days of follow-up training. Two training seminars have been scheduled. The first two-day seminar is to be held on November 3 & 4 this school year. The second two-day seminar will be on March 1 & 2, 2004.

November 3 – Hear Our Cry: Boys in Crisis – This workshop focuses on the why behind male behavior in school and what schools can do to begin making school more "boy friendly." Issues that impact boys who come from poverty as well as middle class will be explored in this session.

November 4 – Preventing School Violence by Creating Emotional Safety – This seminar presents strategies to establish relationships of mutual respect among teachers, students, and parents, concentrating on the prevention of violence in schools

March 1 – Meeting Standards and Raising Test Scores – This seminar is designed to use existing teacher expertise to raise student achievement. Topics include identifying belief systems and how these affect curriculum, using test data, identifying students by quartile, creating "critical mass" through staff development, mapping and aligning curriculum content and its time allocation.

March 2 – Application of Learning Structures Through Classroom Strategies – This seminar is an extension of Learning Structures. Additional classroom strategies are introduced, as well as ideas to move students from the concrete to the abstract. Concepts are not content-based; however, the application of strategies focusing on specific subject areas is explored.

It is the intention of the Office of Federal Programs that the certified trainers provide professional development related to these seminars for all Title I administrators, teachers, and staff in their school system.

The cost to the school system will be \$100.00 per person. The school system will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. The registration deadline is October 24, 2003.

To reserve your space for these two seminars see the attached flyer/registration form for more information.

If you have questions, you may contact me via telephone (615) 532-6302 or e-mail at Barbara.Alexander@ state.tn.us.